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Attorney Docket Number 1174/117/2

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING FLAT AND LETTER UNITS

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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